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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAQ/TERRORIST ATTACKS

1. SUMMARY: THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN IRAQ AND  
THE CONTINUOUS TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SAUDI ARABIA DOMINATED

COVERAGE IN LOCAL PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA. AN EDITORIAL IN "AL BAYAN" NOTED THAT THE "ANGLO-AMERICAN" OCCUPATION IS THE REASON BEHIND ALL THE BLOODSHED IN IRAQ. UAE COLUMNIST DR. ABDULLAH AL SWAIHI POINTED OUT IN HIS ARTICLE IN "AL KHALEEJ" THAT ARABS DON'T ONLY NEED DEMOCRATIC REFORM BUT ALSO MORAL REFORM. ANOTHER EDITORIAL IN "AL BAYAN" COMMENTED ON THE TERRORIST ATTACKS AND NOTED THAT THESE ATTACKS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ISLAM OR MUSLIMS. END SUMMARY.

¶2. UNDER THE HEADLINE "A BLOODY TRAGEDY WITH NO END," DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED "AL BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 06/15:(CIRCULATION 30,000)

"UNTIL WHEN WILL THE BLOODSHED CONTINUE AS A DAILY SCENE IN IRAQ? WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR STOPPING THESE TRAGIC SCENES THAT SCARE EVERYONE WHO SEES THEM FROM INSIDE OR OUTSIDE IRAQ?. THE IRAQI PEOPLE ARE THE ONLY ONES PAYING THE PRICE AND SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN OCCUPATION, THAT OCCUPATION THAT BROUGHT CHAOS AND BRUTALITY. WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING IN THE LAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS ARE NOT ACTS OF RESISTANCE, WILL THE RESISTANCE ACCEPT CIVIL VICTIMS?"

¶3. COMMENTING ON THE ON-GOING TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SAUDI ARABIA, "AL BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 06/14:

"IT IS NOT POSSIBLE THAT THOSE KILLERS WHO ARE PLAYING AROUND WITH SAUDI ARABIA'S SECURITY ARE PART OF ISLAM, WHICH IS A RELIGION OF PEACE AND SERENITY. ALL THESE TERRORIST ACTS SERVE ONLY THE ZIONISTS AND WHOEVER IS SUPPORTING THEM IN ORDER TO DISTORT THE PICTURE OF ISLAM AND MUSLIMS. WHOEVER PLAYS WITH THE SECURITY OF HIS COUNTRY DOES NOT DESERVE TO BE PART OF THIS COUNTRY, HE IS A TRAITOR AND SHOULD BE PUNISHED."

¶4. NOTING THAT WHAT WE ARABS NEED IS NOT ONLY DEMOCRATIC REFORM BUT MUCH MORE, UAE COLUMNIST DR. ABDULLAH AL SWAIHI WROTE IN SHARJAH-BASED ARABIC DAILY "AL-KHALEEJ" ON 06/14:

"WE AS ARABS AND HUMAN BEINGS NEED MORAL REFORM AND NOT DEMOCRACY, WE NEED A JUST IMAM, JUDGE, AND PARENT. WHAT IS THE KIND OF REFORM THAT THE ARABS NEED?. POLITICAL REFORM DOES NOT ALWAYS LEAD TO JUSTICE. REFORM IS A MORAL PROCEDURE; MORALS OF POLITICS, ECONOMICS, SOCIETY, LAW, AND JUSTICE. THE ARAB LEADERS SHOULD START SAYING THE RIGHT THING IN ORDER FOR REFORM TO START."

¶5. COMMENTING ON THE WHOLE WORLD'S RESENTMENT OF THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ, "AL BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 06/13:

". ALL THE RESENTMENT AGAINST THE WAR IN THE WHOLE WORLD SHOULD PUSH THE WAR MAKERS TO LEAVE IRAQ QUICKLY. THE OCCUPATION IN IRAQ WILL JUST BRING MORE BLOODSHED THAT LEADS TO THE DEATH OF A LOT OF CIVILIANS AND MORE RESISTANCE TOWARDS THE PEOPLE WHO CAUSED THE WAR."

¶6. UAE COLUMNIST ABDULLAH RASHEED WROTE AN ARTICLE IN ABU DHABI-BASED SEMI-GOVERNMENT "AL ITTIHAD" ON 06/13 CRITICIZING THE ARAB LEADERS WHO ARE ASKING FOR REFORM FROM THE INSIDE:

". THE ARAB INSISTANCE ON REFORM FROM THE INSIDE AND NOT FROM THE OUTSIDE IS EXPECTED, BECAUSE THE REGIMES DO NOT BELIEVE IN REFORM AND DO NOT WANT IT. WHEN THEY REJECT OUTSIDE PRESSURES, IT IS BECAUSE THEY KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THEY HAVE NO INTERNAL PRESSURES ASKING FOR REFORM. THE ARAB COUNTRIES KEEP REPEATING THAT THEY DO NOT REFORM FROM THE OUTSIDE BECAUSE THE REGIMES CAN'T ABIDE BY REAL DEMOCRACY."

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